



New Federal Brownfield Grants Proposal Submission/Selection Process

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act, which was passed in December of 2001, specified the provision of grants for assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites across the country. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced the tentative schedule for the proposal submission and selection process for this new funding.

Only one application is necessary for all grant programs. Only those applicants whose Initial Proposals are determined by EPA to be the highest ranking will be invited to prepare more detailed Final Proposals. The intent of this two-step process is to reduce the burden on applicants. The tentative schedule for the award process is as follows:

October 1, 2002 – Federal Register Notice
December 13, 2002 – Initial Proposals Due
January 2003 – Invitations to Prepare Final Proposals
February-March 2003 – Final Proposals Due
May-June 2003 – Selections Announced

Awarded funding will be available for use in October 2003. This schedule is subject to publication of final grant guidelines.

For more information on the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act or the new federal brownfield grants, <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/jt091802.htm>